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HIS OWN EXECUTOR.

A wise, wealthy man who desires to be a public benefactor is compelled in these days to be his own executor. If a man wants to found a Home for women, as did the late A. T. STEWART, or a library for the public, as did the late SAMUEL J. TILDEN, he must see to all the arrangements while living and even then it is difficult to be certain that some quibble of law will not cast aside his charitable intention.

The public is familiar with the miscarriage of Mr. STEWART's intention to furnish a home for the working girls of New York. When Mr. TILDEN bequeathed a large sum, and devised Grammercy Park as a site for a Public Library for New York, another library was to be established at Yonkers, and a third at Mr. TILDEN's birth place in central New York.

There was a provision in the will which forbade the legatees from contesting the will under the pain of forfeiting their legacies. Notwithstanding this GEORGE TILDEN, a nephew and one of the legatees, instituted objections to the probate of the will before Surrogate Ransom in 1886, shortly after the death of Mr. TILDEN. The ground of the contest was that the power conferred on the trustees was unconstitutional, illegal and void. After hearing the arguments of counsel on both sides, the Surrogate admitted the will to probate.

The suit was then brought in the Supreme Court and it was understood that Mr. GEORGE TILDEN had the sanction and support of the other collateral heirs.

JUDGE LAWSON decided in 1888 that the trust was legal. It then went to the General Term, which reversed the decision, declared the trust illegal and sent the case back to the Supreme Court for a new trial. Wednesday JUDGE BRACH upheld the decision of the General Term and ordered the Tilden trust money distributed and the Grammercy Park house sold, in order that the proceeds may be divided among the heirs.

A stay of proceedings will be asked for and the case will go to the General Term, and from there to the Court of Appeals before a final decision may be reached. As a constitutional question is involved the case may be transferred to the Supreme Court of the United States.

This is another example to rich men which should induce them to be their own executors. Mr. TILDEN ought to have established these libraries in his life, and opened them to the public. Then those for whose benefit the money was bequeathed would receive the advantages without delay. Besides a man can carry out his own beneficent intentions better than any trustee.

AN OBSTACLE TO FEDERAL INTERFERENCE.

The election in Oregon is said to be an obstacle to the passage of the Federal Election law. Oregon has already elected a Representative to the fifty-second Congress under existing laws. If now, Federal election machinery is to be provided, there seems to be no room for argument against the proposition that the operation of the same must be postponed for two years, or that the State of Oregon be requested to hold another election. It is argued that a new election could not be ordered in Oregon. Commenting on this, the Baltimore Sun says:

The dilemma seems to be an unpleasant one for the political extremists who propose to subject the South to a federal law designed to manufacture republican votes, and it looks as though Oregon might serve the purpose of a buffer to ward off from the Southern people the evils of federal interference.

In Illinois the Democrats are making the Federal Election law the issue and the old-time followers of DOUGLAS are falling into line against the proposed invasion of States' rights. Hon. JOHN M. PALMER, whom the Democrats of Illinois have nominated for the U. S. Senate, has made more than one ringing speech against any federal interference in State elections, and has issued a public challenge to the Republicans to name their candidate for the Senate and to have a joint debate throughout the State. It would be a return to the old DOUGLAS-LINCOLN debate, and would be a good State in which to have the great issue tried by popular debate. It is not probable that the Republicans will dare to let their man meet the old Democrat in war here on the stump.

DAN TILGNER'S SONS, of New York, the chief dealers in rice, report the growing rice crop in North and South Carolina as in good condition, with increased acreage, and the outlook favorable.

AN OLD CALUMNY EXPLODED.

The New York Herald thinks that Mr. DEWEY has made himself solid in the great West for the Presidency. From the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary Chicago women have been made the victim of ribald and unseemly laughter about "government" and "eleven made under a shed." While in Chicago a few days ago, Mr. DEWEY was requested to make a report concerning the diminutive pedal extremities of Chicago ladies and so dispose of a calumnious and libellous superstition. The Herald says that the gallant New Yorker was quite equal to the occasion. Indeed, he towered above it as the Egyptian obelisk from the low lands of Central Park. He fished the heart of every maiden and matron by the solemn assertion that the Chicago girl resembles the heroine of Sir John Suckling's song—

Her feet beneath her petticoat,
Like little mice stole in and out,
As if they feared the light.

HOW LABOR IS PROTECTED.

(Congressman R. Q. Mills.)

The manufacturer paid \$1.25 to labor for producing a ton of pig iron. The government gave him \$6.72 in order to enable him to pay that \$1.25. The manufacturer paid labor \$3 for producing a ton of steel rails, the government gave him \$17 to enable him to pay it. Why not the manufacturer give the \$17 to the workmen instead of turning them out of work and going on tally-ho rides through the mountains of Scotland?

NO BIBLE FOR STEEPLES.

Recently a storm struck a Baptist church and shattered the steeple into splinters. Commenting on this, Mr. J. H. MILLS says in his own original way:

Like to know what business any Baptist Church has with a steeple! The word is not in the Bible. Take your steeple money and build churches where there are none, and so let more people hear the gospel.

PENSIONS AND STANDING ARMIES.

The New York Herald keeps the following article standing at the head of its editorial column:

In 1888 WE PAID in pensions \$80,288,508.77. In 1889 we paid \$87,624,779.11. The cost of the German army, it may be interesting to note, is for this year estimated at \$91,726,293. Besides our pensions our army costs \$30,000,000.

SOCIAL EQUALITY.

The North Carolina Republicans AT HOME deny that they believe in Social Equality.

In Washington THEY PRACTICE it. Read our Washington special to-day.

AN OPINION OF SAM JONES.

(J. H. Mills in Charity and Children.)

So we are in favor of letting this theological whirlwind twist as it pleases.

AT A MEETING of Baptists in Chicago, to raise funds for their university, DR. GOODPERS announced contributions of \$27,000 from the Jews of that city, whereupon there was enthusiastic applause, followed by the singing of "Ye Chosen Seed of Israel's Race."

HOMESpun YARNS.

(From Greensboro Patriot.)

A day or two ago a little ragged urchin walked into the express office with a goat and said he wanted to send him off. On being asked where the goat was to be sent, he walked all around him a time or two, looked at the express agent, scratched his head, and said: "I don't know, goat don't know, s'press company don't know, goat done et up de tag."

EARLY HITS HIMSELF FOR ONE.

(From Sanford Express.)

"True and brave old Gen. Early delivered a hard saying in his brief speech before the annual meeting in Richmond of the Association of the Army of Northern Virginia, the other day. He said: 'We would not honor Gen. Lee in unveiling the monument to his memory, but we would show that we were worthy to follow him.' The man who deserted during the fighting has more of my respect than the man who deserted during the war. The man who deserted during the war took his life in his own hands, for if he had been caught he would have been shot. Frequently, too, he was induced to desert by the news that his wife and children were starving. But the man who has deserted since the war did so for self."

Somebody got hit. Who could it be?—Wilmington Messenger.

Early is one of the two Generals who have lent their names and influence to the Louisiana State Lottery, and while he has not deserted the cause of the Southern people, he has encouraged the growth of an institution that has robbed them in their poverty of millions. As brave as he was during the war, he has not shown high moral courage since. He has sold the influence he so worthily gained on a hundred battle-fields for the pelf of the poor and unfortunate. In this speech he has unconsciously rebuked himself.

A PREDICTION.

There is a track from every section of North Carolina that leads to the highest distinction that any of her sons can attain—the Executive or Governor of our State. Durham has furnished the Carr that is heading that way and when the constitutional time allotted our present Governor expires, this Carr will arrive in Raleigh and go into quarters for four years.

June 6, 1890.

R. N. HACKETT, Esq., of Wilkesboro, tells the CHRONICLE that a \$10,000 brick hotel is shortly to be erected in that coming city of the Yadkin.

SECONDS HIS OWN NOMINATION.

Mr. Jeremiah Jenkins Gives Some Good Hints and Seconds His Own Nomination.

(Special Correspondence.)

Mr. EDITOR:—I seat myself to write you a few lines to second my own nomination to a county office.

In the first place I am the choice of the people. Squire Perkins says so and he knows nearly every body in Wake county. I think the man who is the choice of the people ought to be nominated. Don't you? In the next place, my section of the county has not had a man in a single office in ten years and my friends won't vote the Democratic ticket if we don't have recognition.

Another reason is there are a great many Republicans who belong to the same church I do (I'm not going to say in your paper what church that is; I'm too sharp for that) and they'll vote for me, but they won't vote for any other Democrat but me. Some of them told me so. My minister has promised me to talk up for me too, if I am nominated.

Another reason for my nomination is, I belong to the Farmers' Alliance and my Alliance has endorsed me. We have three white Republicans in our Alliance and they voted to endorse me too and told me afterwards that if I failed to get the nomination and would run independent, they would vote for me anyhow and would see that the Republicans didn't run anybody against me, at all.

If I am nominated my section of the county will go Democratic by a big majority. The Alliance will support me to a man and the merchants will support me, too, because one of Bro. James' boys is clerking in a store in Raleigh.

Another thing; I need the office. Times are hard and I've got three grown daughters to be educated, and we've had so many short crops that I am getting behind and don't see how I can do as much for my children as I would like unless I can get an office. A county office would just suit me. One of my boys is just home from school and he could be my clerk and we could run the thing as smooth as you please.

Now, Mr. Editor, in conclusion, let me say, I am a patriot. I may not be a pink and white angel, but I am at least a patriot. I've suffered for the party. Why, I had my woods burnt once just because I was a Ku-klux. And I spent my time and money for the party. At the last election I gave away a whole load of watermelons and a gallon of cider to help influence votes. When-ever the Democratic banner has been in danger of trailing in the dust, I have always been seen lifting up my voice in its behalf. I'm fifty-six years old, and never split a ticket, and never voted for but one Republican, and he was Horace Greely, and the party owes me something. I think I am justly entitled to this nomination, and my folks think so too and the party won't be successful if I'm not nominated. I tell you if they leave me out after all I've done, I'll just quit and won't have a thing to do with politics as long as I live—so there. I think I ought to be nominated because the party owes me something, and because it will add strength to the ticket; but I don't want the place bad enough to get some of my friends and kinsfolks to write a communication to the paper for me every week, like some folks are doing, and I said to my wife last night, says I, "Moriah if these cheeky candidates keep on blowing their own horns, I shall get so disgusted that I'll be bound to come out in a card in the CHRONICLE, and resign in favor of the one that seems to be blowing his horn the loudest," and my wife dropped her knitting and turned round and said, just as solemn as a tombstone, "Jeremiah I jest wish you would."

Your Obedient Servant,

JEREMIAH JENKINS.

GEMS AND PRECIOUS STONES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

(Special Cor. STATE CHRONICLE.)

Dr. George F. KUNZ, so widely known as the gem expert of Tiffany & Co., of New York, has contributed probably the most valuable work on the "Gems and Precious Stones of North America" which has yet appeared in print. It is a popular description of the occurrence, value, history and archaeology of all the material classes as gems or precious stones in this country. Dr. Kunz is the most prominent man of his age in the United States, and his professional rank is ample guarantee of the excellence of his work.

While the several species and varieties of gem-bearing stones are described systematically and in great detail, the text is singularly free from purely technical phrases; it is written in what is known as "popular style," and may be fully enjoyed by those who have no particular knowledge of mineralogy. "Its object is to present, in convenient form, as many of the facts as possible regarding the precious stones peculiar to the United States, Canada and Mexico, so that they may be available, not only to the mineralogist, the miner, the mineral and gem collector, the archaeologist and the jeweler, but also to the public."

The work is profusely illustrated with artistic colored plates, delicately tinted, by Frang & Co., the celebrated Boston art publishers.

To North Carolinians this book has peculiar interest, since its pages are teeming with facts bearing on the mineral and gem resources of the State; it is more than a compendium of the gem-bearing stones of North Carolina, and I venture the assertion that had this State contributed nothing to the volume, there would have been hardly 200, instead of 336 pages, between it's covers. It should adorn every public and private library in the State.

T. K. BRUNER.

A GOOD SUNDAY SERMON.

Elder P. D. Gold in Zion Landmark.) I advise Primitive Baptists to "study to be quiet, keep out of grog-shops, mind their own business, labor with their own hands, pay their debts, stay at home and labor, except when going to preaching, or required to be away from home, buy only what they need, or would profit them, shun foolish and extravagant fashions, keep their children at home more, and teach them to labor, and trust the Lord in keeping His commandments."

This advice might be taken with profit by all.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

W. W. Story, the American sculptor and poet, writes from Rome: "All I have to say is that in my opinion the tax of 30 per cent. on foreign works of art is disgraceful in theory, unworthy of any great country, disastrous to art and beneficial to none."

Prof. J. P. Cook, the scholarly and genial editor of that wide-awake and ably edited paper, the Concord Standard, will early be an exoduster from the state of "single cussedness" to the realms of matrimonial bliss.—Stanley Observer.

Dr. R. J. Gatling, of Hartford, Conn. (a native of North Carolina, and of Gates county, we believe) desires a contradiction of the report recently sent from Cincinnati to the effect that A. T. Perrine was the inventor of the Gatling gun. Dr. Gatling himself invented the gun.

Mr. Chauncey M. Depew, who is visiting Chicago, was called upon by 150 children, who are to produce "Onderdonk," and each child presented him with a bouquet. In acknowledging the compliment Mr. Depew said: "Children, I had rather receive these flowers from you than the plaudits and votes of all the delegates who will assemble in 1892 to nominate a presidential candidate." Mr. Depew was the orator at the annual meeting of the Chicago Press Club.

LATE NEWS NOTES.

The Roanoke & Southern road has ordered a survey of the four proposed routes and will then decide on the route.

A meeting of the citizens of Robeson, Richmond and Cumberland counties, is called, to meet at Red Springs on Tuesday, June 10th, to take steps to organize a Fruit Fair Association. Officers will be elected. A large attendance is expected.

The contract has been let for building the French Broad Valley, Asheville and Bristol railroad. The contract is from Henderson to Buddy Patch Gap, where connection will be made with the Carolina Central, thence Mill River on to Asheville, through Madison and Yancey counties to the Tennessee line.

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